

SAVANNAH LINER AGROUND

THREE WOMEN LANDED NEAR MO-

Forty-six Men, Passengers and Crew, Decide to Stay Aboard—The Steamship Gets Too Close to Long Island in the Fog—Life Savers Attracted by Signals.

Savannah Line, which sailed from Savannah on Tuesday for Boston, went aground at 9:50 o'clock last night three miles west of Moriches.

And a fresh southeast wind when the Gate City struck the outer bar, between 500 and 600 yards off shore, and as there was considerable surf, Capt. Goggins began sounding signals of distress from his whistles.

From the shore the signals could not be clearly distinguished. Some of those who heard them declared that there were four blasts sounded at intervals. Others said that it was a continuous signalling. The former mean that the vessel is out of control through some accident to her steering gear and give warning to captains of other steamers who might be approaching in the

that the vessel is in distress. Capt. Gilbert a Seaman of the Moriches Life Saving Station and six of his men went to the shore and waited for two hours before they were sure that the ship was in distress. Then they went out to the ship. They got back to the shore at midnight and had in the boat with them three women, two of whom had been passengers on the vessel and the other the stewardess. The passengers were Mrs. Louis E. Bates, and Miss Elizabeth Bates.

Capt. Seaman reported that there were forty-six men left on the vessel. He was unable to tell how many of these were passengers and

the men decided to stand by the vessel, as they did not believe that she was in any danger of breaking up. No lines were made fast to the Gate City, as she is so close to the shore that should occasion arise, a line can be fired across her by

It was said that she was in no danger of breaking up unless the weather freshened very much and the surf became much rougher. Capt. Googins said that he believed that the Gate City had not been damaged, and that she could easily be pulled off the bar this

The Merritt-Chapman Wrecking Company heard of the accident and at 12:30 o'clock this morning sent the wrecking tug W. E. Chapman to the assistance of the vessel.

The Gate City is an iron, brig-rigged steamship of 1,907 tons gross. She is 254 feet long.

depth of hold. She was built at Chester, Pa., by Roach & Son, in 1878. Her rating expired two years ago.

TO HEAD OFF THE OLNEY BOOM,

Indiana Free Silver Men Want an Early

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 8.—The Free Silver Democrats to-day started a determined contest for an early convention in order to head off the movement in this State for Richard Olney, and it is said that Mr. Bryan has been communicated with by wire and favors May 9

is the date for the state convention. The delegates to the National Convention are always selected at the meeting of the State Convention, and Bryan's friends believe that the earlier the convention the less likely there is to be a sentiment against their chief. Free Silver men express the belief that Bryan is the

MONOPOLY IN MOVING PICTURES.
The Patent Office Awards Priority of Invention to Thomas Armat.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—A monopoly in the moving picture projecting business was established by the decision of the Commissioner of Patents to-day affirming the action of the Board of Appeal of the Patent Office in awarding priority of invention in projecting machines for warping pictures to Thomas Armat.

of Washington. This case has been in the Patent Office for four years. The parties litigant who are losers are the American Telescope Company and E. & T. Anthony of New York, assignees respectively of Herman Custer and Woodville Latham. The infringing machines under this decision are the projectoscope, made by the Edison people, the bio-

The most important bearing the decision has at present is the control it gives Armat in the field of prizefight moving pictures. The importance this element assumes can be inferred from the fact that the pictures of the recent Jeffries-Sharkey fight yielded door receipts approximating \$500,000, the four weeks' receipts in

Armat has assigned his patents recently to the Annotated Photo-projecting Company of New York, incorporated under New York laws.

BLEW UP A SMALL BOY.

Gas Explosion Caught Him Passing Over a

The clerks employed in the office of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads at 287 Broadway were startled yesterday afternoon by three successive explosions of gas in the cellar. The gas had probably accumulated in the subways in the street and had leaked into the basement, which is seldom used.

The building was about to fall. They found a crowd in the street gathered about a small boy and laughing at him as he grabbed frantically at the seat of his trousers, where the cloth was smoking. The people in the street said that the small boy had been over an iron manhole cover when the first explosion occurred and had been thrown about three feet in the air. He was not harmed by his experience except

When he had extinguished the fire, the boy started for home. He refused to tell his name to inquirers.

STEINITZ PRONOUNCED INSANE.

The Chess Expert Is Likely to Be Taken to a Reformatory.

William Stinitz, the chess expert, who was taken to Harlem Hospital on Wednesday night from his home in East 103rd street, was transferred to Bellevue early yesterday morning and placed in the insane pavilion for observation. Yesterday afternoon he was examined by Dr. Fitch and Dr. Wildman, and they decided that he was insane. It is expected that he will be

It was said at Bellevue yesterday that Steinitz had become insane through worrying over the fact that a book on chess he had written had been returned to him by the publisher as unworthy of publication.

LOCALIZED POSTAGE STAMPS

The postal authorities have decided to issue stamps with a separate and distinct mark for each of the larger offices of the country. Postmaster Van Cott says that merchants in large cities frequently place large orders for stamps

It will be seen that a postmaster who is paid according to his sales could sell stamps in large quantities at a discount and credit the government with full rate and yet make a profit.

Madison Square Garden To-night.—Add.